Central Fellowship Church plan for current health concerns!

The Central Fellowship Church is suspending our regular Church services and events until further notice, but NOT our worship of God! We are **multiplying our worship**, by encouraging our members to worship at home or wherever they are instead of at our Church building, for we are the Church and we are full-time worshipers!

By choosing to worship at home, we are choosing to **multiply our worship** times instead of waiting for our Church Service on Sunday morning. We encourage those who wish to worship God to NOT delay or wait for Sunday, but begin worshiping now and do so as often as you like.

This time of social distancing is a great opportunity to draw near to God! We began this year hearing God's call for us to draw near to Him. The Scripture we started with in January was *James 4:7-10*,

"⁷ So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world. ⁹ Let there be tears for what you have done. Let there be sorrow and deep grief. Let there be sadness instead of laughter, and gloom instead of joy. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor." (NLT)

In these days, God is providing us the time to do these things. As many of the normal distractions of life have been canceled, we find ourselves with additional time to draw near to Him, and He promises to draw near to us!

Since we have been working to draw near to God all year, let's not stop now! Let's take this time and put it into action on a more personal level! Remember we have been saying that God wants to have an intimate and personal relationship with each one of us. It's what He has been working at doing since the beginning of time.

So, instead of me posting a worship service or sermon you can just watch, I feel like the LORD wants to spend this time hearing from **YOU!** You have heard me speak to you from God many, many Sundays. This Sunday, or whenever you choose to worship Him, God wants to hear from **YOU!** Today is your chance to take the time and personally worship God!

We don't need to experience another "service;" we need to experience our personal God! We don't need to mimic someone else's worship; we need to offer our own worship from our heart. We can do this by personally interacting and worshiping Him. We need to express our hearts to Him and listen for Him to express His heart to us! This is what will truly bring the revival that we have been praying for.

God wants your worship today!

Here's a brief outline to use in your personal worship service.

What song will **YOU** sing to God today?

Here's a link to the top 100 Worship songs of the year.

https://www.praisecharts.com/songs/top-100-worship-songs-this-year/
Or you can search YouTube for your favorite worship song, or play your favorite worship CD, or push play on your favorite worship playlist.

What song expresses what YOU want to say to God or about God today? Don't pick the one you like to sing the most or the one you think sounds the best coming out of your mouth. Pick the songs that best represent what's in your heart for God today.

Once you pick your song, Sing to the LORD with all your heart! Make a joyful noise for His glory!

What will **YOU** pray today?

What attribute of God do you want to praise Him for?

What do you want to thank God for?

Is there anything in your life that is offensive to God?

Tell God you are sorry and ask for His forgiveness.

Psalm 139:23-24

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart;

test me and know my anxious thoughts.

²⁴ Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life. ^(NLT)

What's the biggest concern on your heart today?

Who can you pray for today that needs God to move in their lives?

Where do you want to see God's power move in this world?

Ask God what He would have you do today and in this coming week.

Spend time quietly listening to God and His response to you.

There's no hurry to get done "on time" – take as long as you need. Thank God for who He is and for talking with you today!

What offering will **YOU** give to God today?

Do you have time to offer?

Do you have resources to offer?

Do you have a talent or skill to offer for His use?

Do you have a monetary offering to give as an act of worship?

How can you acknowledge your thankfulness for all that God has done for you?

What will God reveal to YOU through His Word today?

As YOU pick up your Bible and read, what do you hear the LORD saying today?

If you need a place to start reading, try: *John chapter 14*. Here's a link to this passage:

https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+14&version=NLT

As you begin to read God's Word, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand what you are reading.

Feel free to use this outline as often as you need to and share it with others as we **multiply** the glory of God one person at a time! As **2** Corinthians **4:15** says, "All of this is for your benefit. And as God's grace reaches more and more people, there will be great thanksgiving, and God will receive more and more glory." (NLT)

My fellow Christians, listening to sermons is a helpful way to develop our understanding of God and His ways, but choosing to express our heartfelt worship develops our personal relationship with our Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, in a way that benefits us today and every day for eternity! I hope you greatly enjoy your time worshiping your LORD today!

Please know that in these ever-changing times our Church Leadership Team is prayerfully following God's leading and seeking wise counsel as we make decisions for our Church family concerning any further changes. We will continue to make adjustments as needed to continue to provide spiritual nourishment and care for our church family during these days of our inability to meet in person. We have copies of "Our Daily Bread" devotionals at the church for anyone who would like to have one during this time. If you want to continue to give your tithes and offerings you may mail them to the church or hold on to them until we can meet again. We want to continue to encourage all our Church family to keep reaching

out to those around them and to continue to let the love and peace of Christ flow to you and through you in these days.

Please remember that we have these ways to stay informed and in touch:

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Church Facebook page: www.facebook.com/centralfellowshipconnellsville

With firm faith in the LORD,

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